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SUBJ: ROYAL AIR FORCE STRIKE COMMAND AND NATO

REFS: A. SHAPE LTR 2000/20-3-2/3006/75, JAN 13, 1975;

B. STATE 240031

BY MCN 8-75, FEBRUARY 21, 1975, MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC)
APPROVED SACEUR PLAN (REF A POUCHED REG. NO. 5344) FOR INTEGRATING
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ROYAL AIR FORCE STRIKE COMMAND INTO ALLIED
COMMAND EUROPE (ACE). MISSION EXPECTS SYG LUNS TO ISSUE
PRIVATE OFFICE (PO) MEMORANDUM TO DPC PERM/REPS BASED ON
MCM 8-75 ASKING THAT THEY APPROVE COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ROYAL AIR FORCE STRIKE COMMAND AS A MAJOR
NATO SUBORDINATE COMMANDER. WHEN SYG LUNS' PO IS ISSUED, THE US
SHOULD REVIEW ITS RESERVATIONS ON THE COMMAND AND CONTROL
ARRANGEMENTS (REF B). TEXT OF MCM 8-75 IS QUOTED FOR
WASHINGTON INFORMATION. BEGIN TEXT.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
ORGANIZATION

SUBJ: ROYAL AIR FORCE STRIKE COMMAND AND NATO

REFS: A. PO/74/139, 11 NOVEMBER 1974 (NS)
B. MCM-68-74, 30 SEPTEMBER 1974 (NS)
C. MCM-80-74, 14 NOVEMBER 1974 (NS)
D. SHAPE LTR. 2200/20-3-2/S006/75, 13 JANUARY 1975 (NS)
E. C-M(69)22, 19 MAY 1969
F. USM-249-74, 17 SEPTEMBER 1974 (NS)
G. US NATO LTR. TO SEC GEN, 4 NOVEMBER 1974
H. NL. LTR. 74/3403/200.7, 17 SEPTEMBER 1974 (NS)

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT (REF A.) OF DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD IN REF B., SACEUR WAS INVITED BY REF C. TO PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES. SACEUR'S PLAN IS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE D. WHICH HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY.

2. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE PLAN FULLY SATISFIES ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF REFERENCE E. THERE ARE NO MANPOWER OR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO NATO. FURTHER IT IS ALSO CONSIDERED THAT THE RESERVATIONS HELD BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE NETHERLANDS (REFS F., G. AND H.) REGARDING COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED. HOWEVER, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE PHRASE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 C. OF REF D. E.G. "THE COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IDENTICAL TO THOSE CURRENTLY USED FOR INTER-MSC AIR SUPPORT IN ACE....." IS UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTIVE AND THEREBY LIMITS FLEXIBILITY IN NEGOTIATING THE DETAILS OF COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE PRESENT MSCS AND CINCUK AIR.

3. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAVE APPROVED THE PLAN, REF D. WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDER CONTINUAL REVIEW AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS POLICY AND CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE AND AS APPROVED BY SACEUR. IN THIS LIGHT, THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE INVITED TO APPROVE THE UK PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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